



Idaho's Unique History: 20 Dates to Remember

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| <p>1805: Meriwether Lewis and an advance party of the Corps of Discovery cross the continental divide at Lemhi Pass and step into Idaho, the last of the 50 states to be entered by Euro-Americans.</p> | <p>1905: The legislature authorizes construction of a new capitol building in Boise.</p> |
| <p>1839: Henry Spalding begins printing the Bible in Lapwai on the earliest printing press in the Pacific Northwest.</p> | <p>1912: Constitutional amendments give Idaho voters the recall, referendum, and initiative.</p> |
| <p>1860: Idaho's two oldest towns, Franklin and Pierce, are established.</p> | <p>1931: The legislature adopts "Here We Have Idaho," the syringa, and the Rocky Mountain blue bird as state song, flower, and bird.</p> |
| <p>1863: President Abraham Lincoln signs the act creating Idaho Territory; William Wallace becomes first territorial governor and names Lewiston as the territorial capital.</p> | <p>1935: Statewide prohibition is repealed and a State Liquor Dispensary created.</p> |
| <p>1865: Boise replaces Lewiston as the territorial capital.</p> | <p>1955: Arco becomes the first community in the world to be lighted by nuclear power.</p> |
| <p>1885: Construction begins on the territorial capitol building in Boise.</p> | <p>1971: Potlatch Forests, Inc. (later Potlatch Corporation) conducts the last log drive on the Clear water River. Two years later, Dworshak Dam, third tallest in the United States—which blocked the log drives—opens.</p> |
| <p>1887: Latah County becomes the only county in the United States created by Congress.</p> | <p>1984: Harmon Killebrew of Payette is inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.</p> |
| <p>1890: Idaho is admitted as the 43rd state.</p> | <p>2009: Congress creates the Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness Areas</p> |
| <p>1891: Emma Edwards wins a contest to create a state seal; Idaho's becomes the first state seal designed by a woman.</p> | <p>2010: The legislature and state offices move back into the capitol after a two-year, \$120 million restoration and expansion project.</p> |
| <p>1894: Congress passes the Carey Act which, along with the 1902 National Reclamation Act, makes possible large-scale irrigated agriculture in southern Idaho.</p> | <p>2014: C.L. ("Butch") Otter becomes the first candidate in more than half a century to win three consecutive elections for governor.</p> |
| | <p>Same-sex marriage becomes legal in Idaho.</p> |

